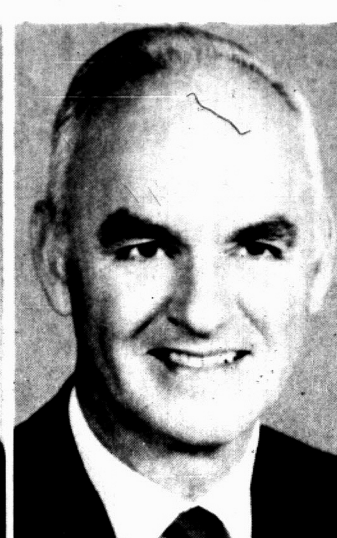




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### Baptists Defend Exemption Of Church Property Taxes

By W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON (BP) — Church claims for tax exemption of church property must be based on (1) religious liberty or (2) equality and equity, according to a policy statement adopted here by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

In its action, the committee made it clear that it was speaking only for itself and not for other Baptist bodies.

However, the tax policy statement was referred to the Baptist conventions and conferences that sponsor the Baptist Joint Committee for study and response.

In addition to representatives of the Southern Baptist Convention, the

Baptist Joint Committee is composed of members from the American Baptist Convention, the Baptist General Conference, the North American Baptist General Conference, Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, the Baptist Federation of Canada and two National Baptist conventions.

The Baptist agency made its policy statement as preparation of an amicus curiae (friend of the court) brief to be submitted to the U. S. Supreme Court in a current case on the taxation of church property.

The Supreme Court will soon hear arguments on the case (Frederick Walz V. Tax Commission of the City of New York) in which tax exempt-

ion for church property is challenged.

The Baptist Joint Committee pointed out in its statement that churches and denominations generally have accepted tax exemptions "without examining either the legal or ethical reasons behind them or without attempting to establish a rationale" for tax policies.

It was in an effort to state a "clear rationale" that the committee approved its policy statement.

"Religious liberty does not demand," the committee declared, "the tax exemption of all church property and activity." However, it pointed out that the ability of government to tax "could at least hinder or prosper particular religious movements or manifestations."

Consequently, the statement continued, "religious liberty requires that there be few hindrances on churches as they attempt to achieve the purposes for which they have been organized and that whatever limits are imposed must be in the spirit of the First and Fourteenth Amendments" to the national constitution.

The committee further said that some church tax exemptions are hard to justify on the basis of religious liberty, although some of them might be justified on the basis of equality and equity. Among these the committee listed:

1. "Engaging in business projects unrelated to religious concerns, with income tax and property tax exemptions, in competition with private enterprise;
2. Ownership of real property which produces income but which is not taxes for local governmental services;
3. "Claiming of tax exemption for property which is used for personal residence; and
4. "Long-term holding of real property on a tax exempt basis for capital gains."

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### Rohrman Accepts Call To Jackson's First Church

Rev. Larry Rohrman, for nearly four years pastor of First Baptist Church in Biloxi, has accepted a call to become pastor of First Baptist Church of Jackson, effective November 1.

Mr. Rohrman resigned to his congregation at the Wednesday night service on Oct. 8 after receiving a unanimous call from the Jackson congregation Sunday night, Oct. 5. The call came at a business meeting which followed the evening worship service at which Mr. Rohrman preached.

Moderator of the Jackson congregation, Alex McKeigney, who is chairman of the deacons, expressed the great pleasure of the congregation at receiving acceptance from Mr. Rohrman of the call to Jackson's downtown Baptist church.

Mr. Rohrman is a 1960 graduate of Baylor University of Waco, Texas, the largest of the Baptists' colleges. He was reared in Pharr, Texas. He holds the Bachelor of Divinity degree from New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

### Retardation Meet Set For Ellisville

An Institute on Retardation will be held at the Ellisville State School Oct. 23, jointly sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and the school.

Dr. Foy Rogers, director of the Cooperative Missions Department said that the theme will be "The Retarded Child — His Family and Community."

Roy Trim, of Jackson, past president of the Mississippi Association for Retarded Children, will be a speaker on program, "From the Viewpoint of a Parent."

Chalmers Lane, director of the

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He was converted at 12 years of age and became a Baptist under the influence of Baptist athletes, while he was a high school football player, and abandoned plans for a law career to go to Baylor as a volunteer for the ministry.

His first pastorate was Val Verde Church in Holland, Texas.

While at New Orleans Seminary, Mr. Rohrman was pastor of Calvary Church in Lamar County, near Hattiesburg. Later he was pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Tuscaloosa, Ala., from which pulpit he went to First Church in Biloxi.

At Biloxi the church has grown to a membership in excess of 2,500 under his ministry. He baptized 101 converts last year. He has been a community leader in Biloxi and was given top responsibility for relief ad-

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### Graham Crusade Climaxes Before Record Audience

ANAHEIM, Calif. (October 5, 1969) — Fifty-six thousand persons jammed Anaheim Stadium this afternoon to hear the concluding service of the Southern California Billy Graham Crusade, breaking all existing attendance records for the Angel stadium.

It was the third time within a week the stadium attendance records were broken. A week ago, Dr. Graham drew 49,500, breaking the previous record of 46,307 set in 1967 during the All-Star baseball game. Saturday night, the crowd rose to 54,000.

The warm, cloud-free sunny afternoon saw the 42,500-seat stadium bulging at its seams. The overflow audience was directed to the grass infield where large plastic strips were laid. Others simply sat on the lawn around the side and to the rear of the platform from which Dr. Graham spoke.

Dr. Graham's concluding sermon was "The Judgment," taking his theme from the second chapter of second Peter, verse four — "for God did not spare even the angels who sinned."

The evangelist declared, "Over the centuries God never changes no matter how we change. God is the God

of love. Whatever you've been, God loves you to the very gates of Hell."

In relating God's intention to judge everyone, Dr. Graham said, "Sin is rebellion against God and all have sinned. God loves you but He hates your sin. If you are willing to accept Him by faith He is willing to forgive you."

The evangelist asked the question, "Will God spare America?" and answered, "He didn't spare Lucifer and his angels. He didn't spare Sodom and Gomorra. He didn't spare Sampson or David. Do you think there is something special about you and me?"

In citing the decline of America, he listed the decline in value of the dollar, the rises of taxes, moral decline, high use of drugs and permissiveness in sex among the youth of the land. He declared, "America was the greatest attempt at Democracy in the world, but we are degenerating fast."

"No, God will not spare America unless there is a renewal, a turning to God; we must pay the price. God is looking at our hearts and He will judge the reconciliation of every man

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### 'Camille' Gifts Reach \$574,237 By October 13

Hurricane Camille relief offerings being sent through the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board reached \$574,237.09 as of Oct. 13.

This is an increase of \$69,152.90 since the last report given a week ago.

Large gifts from out of state since the last report include \$30,985.62 from the Baptist General Convention of Texas (additional), \$1,000 from the Home Mission Board (additional) and \$1,135.93 from the Harris Chapel Baptist Church of Hudson, N. C.

All of the funds received are being distributed according to need through the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Executive Committee, working with an Advisory Committee, and the executive committees of the Baptist associations in the areas involved.

The one hundred thirty-fourth session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention will be held Nov. 11-13, it has been announced by Dr. C. B. Hamlet III of Hattiesburg, chairman of the convention's committee on order of business.

The convention is scheduled to begin Tuesday morning at 9:15 in Jackson's First Baptist Church and come to a climactic close on Thursday night with Dr. Jess

Moody, pastor of First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Fla., as the featured speaker.

Other principal speakers will include Dr. Carl Bates, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.; Dr. Robert E. Naylor, president of Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; Dr. Tom Field, pastor of First Baptist Church, Springfield, Mo.; Dr. Glendon McCullough, secretary, department of missionary personnel, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta; Dr. Henry Allen Parker, pastor of First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.; Dr. Darold Morgan, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas and r. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson.

Lieut. Governor Charles L. Sullivan of the State of Mississippi will welcome the convention to Jackson.

Special music at each session will be rendered by Mrs. Martha Branham, vocalist, Dallas, and Miss Nancy Nystrom, harpist, Amarillo, Texas. Mrs. Branham is a favorite in Mississippi as she appeared several times in the past.

This will be Miss Nystrom's first visit to the state and it is believed to be the first time that a harp has been used as special music on a state

convention program. Those who attended the recent Southern Baptist Convention, in New Orleans will remember her as the harpist at the sessions there.

The opening Tuesday morning session will be one of the highlights with Dr. John G. McCall, of Vicksburg, convention president, scheduled to be in the chair.

Dr. McCall will bring the keynote address with the convention sermon to be given by Dr. Bill Causey, pastor of Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson.

Other features of this session will include the introduction of new workers, committee reports, presentation of budget and the reading and referral of any resolutions.

Election of officers is scheduled for Tuesday afternoon. If custom is followed, Dr. McCall will be reelected to a second term.

During the past several years the convention has alternated between a clergyman and a layman and re-elected each time for a second term.

Miss Hazel Chisholm, hostess, church organist, will be convention organist, with O. D. Randall, Minister of Education, of Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, as pianist.

To assist in presiding will be Rev. Clark McMurray, Pascagoula, First

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### Observations On The Proposed 1970 Convention Board Budget

By W. Levon Moore, President Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and Chairman of the Audit, Budget and Allocations Committee

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, at its meeting on September 22, 1969, without a dissenting vote approved the proposed Cooperative Program Budget as presented by the Audit, Budget, and Allocations Committee. The suggested budget of \$4,250,000 will be presented as a recommendation of the Convention Board to the Convention which meets November 11-13, 1969.

Because of several significant features of the proposed budget, an attempt is being made in this article to provide for all Mississippi Baptists the same information presented to members of the Board. Of necessity it must be in a more abbreviated form. It is the desire of the A.B.A. Committee and the Convention Board that every Baptist in the state understand the reasons for the recommendations being made.

Perhaps the best way to present all pertinent facts involved will be to trace the steps taken by the A.B.A.

Committee in preparing this Budget.

I. A STUDY WAS MADE OF DEPARTMENT BUDGETS AND BUDGET REQUESTS. Through the Executive Secretary, all Department Directors were asked to make their 1970 requests within the limits of this year's Budget if at all possible. Interviews with all Department Directors provided the Committee an opportunity to become familiar with the monetary figures involved and the programs of work which these figures represent. A careful study will reveal that in most instances the 1970 Department Budgets are the same as in the present Budget. Wherever changes occur, they are the result of cost of living increases or long-range planning of programs for which commitments have already been made.

II. THE COMMITTEE MADE A DETERMINATION OF ALL INCREASES WHICH SEEMED TO BE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. This phase of study led to recommended increases in fifteen items as follows:

1. COST OF LIVING—\$30,687
- At the suggestion of the Personnel Committee, a 4% cost of living increase was recommended

for all Convention Board employees.

2. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—\$30,000
- Although this figure is less than one-half the amount requested by the Education Commission, it is the largest amount the Committee could recommend in the light of present Cooperative Program giving.

3. ANNUITY BOARD PLANS — \$27,000
- The Convention Board is committed to match funds (up to one-third of the total) placed in the Annuity Board by Mississippi Baptist pastors and churches. One third of the cost per annuitant amounts to \$200 per year. The 135 new pastors enrolled in the Annuity Board Plan last year will thus cost the Convention Board \$27,000 in 1970.

4. NEW CHURCH SITES — \$25,000
- There are several fast-growing areas in our state where building sites will be needed for future churches. Many of our people for a long time have felt that one of the best expenditures of state mission money would be to make funds available for the purchase of these sites. This \$25,000 is to be allocated by the Executive Committee.

5. CONTINGENCY FUND—\$11,773
- This fund also will be disbursed

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### Singing Churchmen Tour And Seminar Set For Oct. 16-24

Forty Mississippi Baptist ministers of music are expected to participate in the Singing Churchmen Tour and Seminar set for Oct. 16-24, according to Dan C. Hall, Jackson, director of the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The tour will begin October 16 with a concert that night at First Baptist

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### DR. HUDGINS ON FOREIGN MISSION TOUR

DR. W. DOUGLAS HUDGINS, executive secretary of the State Convention Board, who is on a tour of foreign mission fields with Fon Scofield of the Foreign Mission Board, is seen (at left) with Missionary Dr. Dwight Baker at the Succoth Conference at the Baptist Village in Israel.



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by the Executive Committee to assist churches in such emergencies as fires and tornadoes. Also, this will make funds available for other unexpected emergency needs.

## Assembly Costs

### 6. ASSEMBLY PROGRAM COSTS—\$10,500

It is vitally important that we keep in mind the distinction between "Assembly Property" and "Assembly Programs." Although our assembly property has been devastated by hurricane Camille, it is anticipated that we will still have assembly programs in some form at some place. The assembly programs have always been under the supervision of the Department Directors; and it is assumed that these leadership training programs, although modified, will be carried on somewhere. In some instances, program operations at the assembly have not been sufficiently funded in the past. It is felt that this increase is necessary to provide adequate programs of leadership training such as those formerly held at Gulf-shore.

### 7. BAPTIST BUILDING MAINTENANCE — \$5,700

Of this amount, \$3,200 is necessary because of an increase in interest rate on short-term building loans; and \$2,500 is for increased insurance.

### 8. CHURCH MUSIC — \$5,000

This amount is suggested in order to make possible a larger ministry of training in church music leadership for the smaller churches of the state.

### 9. Baptist Foundation — \$4,500

This agency of our convention was inadequately funded last year. This is an attempt to provide necessary funds for the Foundation's program of work.

### 10. BUILDING SERVICES, TRACTS, PRINTING, MAILING, ETC. — \$2,785

This increase is necessary to meet rising costs in these areas.

### 11. WORK WITH NATIONAL BAPTISTS — \$2,000

The Home Mission Board shares with the Convention Board on a 40-60 basis in this program of work. This increase of \$2,000 is necessary to match the agreement with the Home Mission Board's increased allocation.

### 12. CHRISTIAN ACTION COMMISSION — \$2,000

Several Family Life Conferences were planned as much as two years ago, and personnel is already committed. This increase is to make possible the completion of these conferences.

### 13. PROMOTION AND MISCELLANEOUS — \$1,555

This amount is made available to the Executive and Administrative leadership for general promotion and meeting unexpected emergencies; and can be disbursed without Executive Committee approval.

### 14. COOPERATIVE MISSIONS — \$1,500

This amount is necessary to meet the agreement with the Home Mission Board which shares in the cost of this area of work on a 40-60 basis.

### 15. CHILDREN'S VILLAGE—\$1,000

This is only a token amount in the light of rising costs in providing child care at the Children's Village.

When these fifteen items are totaled, it will be seen that to meet these necessary increases an additional \$161,000 will be needed.

## Feasible Increase

### III. THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERED A FEASIBLE INCREASE IN PERCENTAGE OVER LAST YEAR'S BUDGET.

Considering the present trend of Cooperative Program giving, which is about 6% under the budget, it was felt that an increase of approximately 1%, or \$50,000, above last year's Budget would be an appropriate consideration. This means that a 7% increase over this year's offering will be needed to reach the 1970 Budget.

### IV. CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN TO POSSIBLE SOURCES FOR THE REMAINING \$111,000 NEEDED.

It was suggested that a re-appraisal was needed relative to the percentage of Cooperative Program funds going to S.B.C. causes. A survey of S.B.C. support by other State Conventions during 1968 revealed a most interesting fact.

When Cooperative Program gifts and Designated gifts were combined, Mississippi gave 56.3% of all its mission funds to S.B.C. causes. This was the highest percentage of any state; with the next highest being Florida (52.8%) and Alabama (51.9%). All the other states were under 50%.

### V. THE COMMITTEE WAS FORCED TO FACE REALITY.

Through a study of all the facts available, the A.B.A. Committee was compelled to face three realities:

1. Mississippi is presently sending a larger percentage of its total mission money outside the state than any other state in the S.B.C.
2. More money will be needed in the future to do the same work presently being done, due to rising costs, inflation, etc. The expansion of our programs of work will make necessary even larger amounts of money.

3. While the total collection-plate dollars in Mississippi increased in 1968 about 12% over the previous year, Cooperative Program giving by the churches increased only about 6%. This simply means that although our churches are experiencing an increase in income, they are not increasing proportionately in their mission giving.

## Conclusion Reached

The Conclusion was reluctantly reached that, considering all the circumstances, the percentage to S.B.C. causes should be adjusted from the present 33% to 30%. This additional 3% will provide the \$111,000 needed to combine with the \$50,000 increase in the Budget, for a total of \$161,000.

When the Convention Board heard the presentation of these facts, unanimous approval was given to the recommended Budget, including the percentage change. It is anticipated that the entire convention will make its decision likewise on the basis of these considerations.

Those who feel that 30% is not enough to give to outside causes are asked to consider this fact: In 1968, Mississippi Baptists gave into their churches in tithes, offerings, and special gifts a total of \$35,895,690. Had our churches given 30% of this amount to mission causes outside the churches, the Convention Board would have received \$10,768,707. In reality our churches gave to all mission causes outside the churches \$6,321,158, or about 18%. Thus, the crux of the problem is not in convention percentages but in church percentage to missions.

One of the most important decisions to be made by the 1969 Convention will be the adoption of the Budget. It is earnestly hoped that every messenger will make his decision in the light of all the facts which are available and not on the basis of unrealistic emotional suppositions.

## Retardation Institute Oct. 23

(Continued from page 1) school, will deliver a message on "The Ellenville School and the Family."

Richard McKay, director hospital chaplaincy, Chaplain's Commission, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, will speak on "The Church's Ministry in the Family and Community."

Rev. Jerry St. John, of Jackson, associate in the Cooperative Missions Department, who will direct the institute, said there will be a

question-answer period after each message.

The program will include a tour of the school and special music by the school choir.

The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. and adjourn at 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided at the school for 75c.

Mr. St. John said the institute would be open to all those interested, with special emphasis on pastors, church staff members, those who work with the retarded as well as relatives of retarded children.



"Taking the cross of Christ to the crossroads of America"



## Radio-TV Commission Soon To Inaugurate "Country Crossroads" Radio Program

"COUNTRY CROSSROADS," a new weekly radio production of the Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission, will be inaugurated on the weekend of Oct. 18 over Station WSIX, Nashville, Tenn., at the

height of Nashville's Grand Ole Opry Anniversary Celebration and Country Music D. J. Convention.

A "live" half-hour discussion of country music and the need and purpose of the new Baptist program will immediately precede broadcast of the first of the pre-recorded "COUNTRY CROSSROADS" productions.

Participating in the "live" broadcast will be Paul Ruhl, general manager of Station WSIX; Dr. Paul M. Stevens, executive director of the Radio-TV Commission; Cecil Whaley, public relations director of the Country Music Association; Leroy Van Dyke, leading country music personality who will serve as permanent host of the new program, and other dignitaries from the Southern Baptist Convention and the country-western music field.

As described by Dr. Stevens, "COUNTRY CROSSROADS" will be a country cousin to "MasterControl," the Commission's successful 30-minute radio variety program, now on more than 500 stations.

Like "MasterControl," the new program will also have a half-hour format featuring the best in music and a series of interviews with top recording stars and other interesting people. But on "COUNTRY CROSSROADS" the music will be of the country and western type that is sweeping the nation, and the personalities interviewed will be from the country-western field.

Christian performers will appear frequently on the show to discuss popular song lyrics from a religious viewpoint, to relate their own religious experiences, and to comment on life and current issues.

The program's motto will be:

"Taking the Cross of Christ to the Crossroads of America."

As with other Radio-TV Commission productions, "COUNTRY CROSSROADS" will be distributed free to radio stations across the nation for public service broadcasting.

The Commission plans to restrict distribution to one station in each major listening area.

## Rohrman

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ministration in the wake of Hurricane Camille. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Biloxi.

Mr. Rohrman has been a favorite speaker for young people's meetings and other denominational assemblies since coming to Mississippi.

He is a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board as well as its nine-man executive committee.

A gifted pulpiteer, his messages are on radio and TV in Biloxi, and via cable his messages have been heard in many areas of South Mississippi.

He is 31 years of age and is married to the former Sonya O'Neal of Hattiesburg, whom he met at Baylor. They have two children, Scott 8, and Cindy 5.

Mr. Rohrman will succeed Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, who resigned last February to accept the position of executive secretary of Mississippi Baptists, a place left vacant by the death of Dr. Chester L. Quarles.

At Biloxi Mr. Rohrman's pastorate followed that of a former assistant to Dr. Hudgins, Rev. Schuyler Batson, now of Alexandria, La.

Another prominent Jackson pulpit, that of Calvary Baptist Church, is occupied by the Biloxi pastor who preceded Mr. Batson, Dr. Joe Tuten.

## Mississippi Baptist Seminary Formally Opens New Headquarters



THE FORMAL OPENING of the new headquarters of Mississippi Baptist Seminary and Central Center was held Monday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m. The new home of the seminary, located at 3672 Delta Drive, Jackson, was formerly Elaine Baptist Church.



PROGRAM personalities at the opening service included: left to right, Rev. Bob Simmons, Meridian, chairman, Board of Trustees, Mississippi Baptist Seminary; Dr. John McCall, Vicksburg, president, Mississippi Baptist Convention; Dr. E. E. Spencer, Lorman, president, General Missionary Baptist Convention of Mississippi; Dr. Dr. Wm. P. Davis, Jackson director, department of Work with National Baptists, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; and Dr. T. B. Brown, Jackson, president, Mississippi Baptist Seminary.



DR. WILLIAM P. DAVIS, director, Department of Work with National Baptists, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and president-emeritus, Mississippi Baptist Seminary, speaks at the formal opening service. The new seminary center is one of his dreams come true.



BISHOP JOSEPH BRUNINI of the Jackson-Natchez Diocese of the Catholic Church, at right, is presenting to Dr. T. B. Brown, left, seminary president, a gift copy of the Jerusalem Bible. Dr. W. P. Davis, center, was president of the seminary from 1957 until this year. The trustees of the seminary on October 6 elected him president emeritus, and voted that office space and secretarial help be made available to him at the seminary headquarters, for life, upon his retirement.



THE ONLY LIVING charter member of the Miss. Baptist Seminary is U. S. Polk of Prentiss, pictured at left, with Dr. Wm. P. Davis. Mr. Polk, 83-year-old deacon, contributed the first \$100 gift to the seminary. He is chairman of the Holding Board of the Prentiss Center of the seminary and of Sophia Sutton Assembly.

## First, Columbia, Adopts Resolution Concerning Mississippi College

First Church, Columbia, has adopted the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, heretofore Southern Baptists have steadfastly acknowledged and adhered to the fundamental principle of the complete separation of Church and State in the belief that perpetuation of that principle is absolutely essential to the preservation of the independence and effectiveness of the Church; and

"WHEREAS, Southern Baptists, throughout the entire history of their existence as a denomination, have devoted much energy and financial support to the providing of educational institutions and facilities to afford to our young people the opportunity for Christian education conforming to the dictates of our denominational conscience and without governmental interference; and

"WHEREAS, the membership of First Baptist Church of Columbia, Mississippi, as a Church Body, has strongly supported Mississippi College throughout the years with our money and our prayers and the attendance thereof of many of our sons and daughters; and

"WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Mississippi College, an institution of higher learning owned and supported by the Baptists of the State of Mississippi, by a narrow majority vote of said Board and in direct defiance of recent action of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in 1966, have succumbed to the siren call of Federal money grants and have

signed on behalf of said college an agreement of compliance with the dictates and guidelines of the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare, which action we, as a Southern Baptist Church, deplore and disapprove;

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the membership of First Baptist Church of Columbia, Mississippi, do hereby openly and publicly and without equivocation register our distress at and disapproval of the aforesaid action of the Board of Trustees of Mississippi College, so doing in the sincere and prayerful belief that said action is not in the best interests of the continuing efforts of Mississippi Baptists to offer quality Christian education on a higher level to our young men and young women, and that said action is in direct conflict with the fundamental principle of separation of Church and State to which we, as Southern Baptists, have so long subscribed without reservation.

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread at large upon the Minutes of the conferences of this Church and that a copy of the same be furnished to each of the following, namely, the Board of Trustees of Mississippi College, the President of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and The Baptist Record.

"ADOPTED in regular conference assembled, this 5 day of October, A. D. 1969."



# Survey Shows Major Reasons For Denominational Changes

NASHVILLE (BP)—A survey of 1,905 persons who either joined a Southern Baptist church from another affiliation or left Baptist to join another denomination has disclosed that the vast majority made the change in denomination because of marriage, convenience, or circumstance.

Major purpose of the survey conducted by the research and statistics department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board was to determine why Baptists change denominations either to join it from another church, or to leave the SBC.

The survey, requested by the public relations committee of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, disclosed that during 1967, there were 30,083 persons who joined the SBC from other denominations, and 35,906 persons who left Baptist churches to join other denominations.

Of the 1,905 persons surveyed, there were about 750 usable responses, included 554 "new Baptists" who formerly were affiliated with another denomination; and 210 "former Baptists" who left the SBC to join another church group.

One-third (33.4 per cent) of the new Baptists and 45.2 per cent of the former Baptists responding said they changed denominations in order to be in the same church as the husband or wife.

The reason given by the most individuals who have joined Baptist churches from other denominations, however, was that they felt "that Baptist beliefs were more biblically accurate." Of the respondents, 36.3 per cent cited this reason.

Kenneth E. Hayes, research analyst who directed the survey, said in summarizing the findings that "new Baptists seem to have indicated more spiritual or doctrinal reasons for changing denominations than did former Baptists."

Of the new Baptists, 24.2 per cent said they became a Baptist because "I felt that I was not in God's will" and 15.7 per cent did so because "I felt that I was not saved."

Comparatively, former Baptists who left the denomination ranked these items rather low on a percentage basis, with 12.4 per cent (the second largest percentage) saying they felt they were not in God's will, and 1.4 per cent saying they changed because they felt they were not saved (the lowest percentage ranking.)

Of the former Baptists surveyed, 11.4 per cent added that they felt that Baptist beliefs were less biblically accurate than those of the church they joined.

A larger group, 11.0 per cent of the former Baptists said they were unhappy with their former denomination than the 6.9 per cent of the new Baptists who said they were unhappy with their former church group.

Doctrinal reasons were cited by 8.6 of the former Baptists and 5.6 of the new Baptists.

More convenient location was given as the reason by 11.9 per cent of the former Baptists and 19.0 per cent of the new Baptists; and circumstantial reasons were listed by 10.5 of the former Baptists and 4.9 per cent of

the new Baptists.

A profile analysis of the persons responding to the survey showed that the majority of both new and former Baptists are female (about 60 per cent each) and married (about 80 per

cent).

Former Baptists were generally younger than new Baptists, had a slightly higher degree of formal education, and had a "slight edge" in professional and technical training.



Camille Relief Leaders Receive Citation

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Special citations were presented to three Mississippi Baptist leaders from the Gulf Coast at the recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the SBC at Nashville. From left to right, they are, Rev. Larry Rohman, pastor First Church, Biloxi, who directed a city-wide effort at the request of the mayor to "feed and clothe" the people of the city; Rev. J. W. Brister, superintendent of missions of Gulf Coast Association, who directed a receiving station for food and clothing, and Dr. John Traylor, pastor of First Baptist Church of Gulfport, which suffered the greatest property damage of any Baptist church in the hurricane. In the presentation of the citations it was pointed out that these three represented hundreds of pastors and laymen in the coast area.

## Mission 70

## Conference On World Missions To Be In Atlanta Dec. 28-31

Almost \$4,000 dollars has been given to Mission 70 in memory of Ernestine Kesler McCullough. Mrs. McCullough, who died last July, was the wife of Glendon McCullough, secretary of the department of missionary personnel of the Home Mission Board.

The mother of four children, Mrs. McCullough requested that money be given to Mission 70 in lieu of flowers when she became aware of her approaching death.

## Strong Program

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vice-president, and Rev. Bynum Basden, Coffeeville, second vice-president.

Paul Adams, Starkville, is recording secretary with Horace Kerr, Jackson, associate recording secretary.

The Convention will consider a record \$4,250,000 Cooperative Program budget for 1970, to be recommended by the Convention Board.

"Surveying the Seventies" will be convention theme.

Other members of the order of business committee are Rev. Charles Gentry, Clinton; Rev. Clyde Little, Holly Springs; Rev. James Richardson, Leland; Rev. Malcolm Jones, Houston; and Dr. Donald Roark, Yazoo City layman.

Mission 70, a conference on world missions, will be held in Atlanta's Municipal Auditorium Dec. 28-31. It is expected to attract 4500 college and seminary students and young adults.

Although it was conceived to confront young adults with the task of world missions it has become "a dream out of hand." According to its coordinators, the conference has become more than they had ever expected.

The conference is being sponsored jointly by the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, the Sunday School Board, the Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood Commission. Plans have been finalized and the program will feature drama, music, small group work, counseling and information sessions.

An overture by a portion of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra will open the four day meeting. Featured speakers during the conference include Bill Lawson, pastor of Houston's Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church, and Kenneth Chafin, professor of evangelism at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, as well as home and foreign missionaries.

The morning sessions, to be held in downtown Atlanta churches, will be led by cluster leaders, student workers from throughout the convention. Students will lead the music in these sessions and provide special music.

Moving to the exhibit hall of the Auditorium for afternoon sessions,

participants will again be confronted with world need through a tour of the "Street of the World."

Each night, in after-sessions, conference participants will be able to choose between informal entertainment, dialogue with denominational leaders or film strips to attend.

Already a songbook of Mission 70 music is being prepared. Also planned are a recording which will be available at the meeting and copies of conference speeches.

Each state has been assigned a quota of persons who may attend as its representatives. Persons who wish to attend should contact the director of student work in their state for registration forms. The deadline for registration is Nov. 1.

About 35 per cent of the former Baptists had attended college, professional or trade school, compared to 27 per cent of the new Baptists. Likewise, 28.4 per cent of the former Baptists were professional workers, compared to 20.4 of new Baptists.

Former Baptists tended to be more critical of the SBC than new Baptists in answers to a section on views of the denomination.

Both groups generally agreed that Southern Baptists are doing their best work in the areas of Christian education and worship, and their poorest in the area of reclaiming inactive members.

Consistently, a larger percentage of former Baptists than new Baptists ranked the SBC low on its reputation in race relations, progressiveness, ability to change, willingness to deal with controversial issues, and attention to contemporary problems.

When asked to rank the importance of factors in this order: (1) liked the church's minister, (2) members were pleasant and friendly, (3) liked the church's educational and service programs. Former Baptists picked the same three items, but listed educational and service programs first, and ministerial preference third.

In a section on doctrine, neither new Baptists nor former Baptists wholeheartedly accepted the doctrinal statements of the SBC-approved Statement of Baptist Faith and Message, but generally new Baptists accepted the statements more fully than did former Baptists.

Although the survey did not determine which denomination most former Baptists joined when leaving the SBC, it did disclose that most (37.2 per cent) of the new Baptists were previously Methodist. Others ranked in order were Christian Church, Presbyterian, and Lutheran, all with less than 10 per cent.

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AERIAL VIEW OF CRUSADE—A record 56,000 persons crowd the stands and infield of Anaheim Stadium (Anaheim, California) Sunday afternoon (October 5th) as Evangelist Billy Graham delivers his final sermon of the 10-day Southern California Crusade. The meeting broke the attendance record for any event in the stadium; also broken twice earlier in the crusade. Total attendance for the meetings was 384,000 persons, with 20,336 responding as inquirers.—(CRUSADE INFORMATION SERVICE PHOTO BY RUSS BUSBY)

## Graham Crusade

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with Him. You must receive Him in your heart."

Prior to his final sermon, Dr. Graham told a large press conference that he was thrilled that so many people — particularly young people — had responded and came forward to pledge their lives to Christ.

The evangelist, flanked by his wife, who has been ill the last several days, thanked the press corps and said he could do little without their help. He told newsmen the next big Crusade will be held in Dortmund, Germany, in April, 1970. He said he would be staying in the Orange County area a few days after today's Crusade to complete some movie filming in Burbank.

In addition to the 7,000-voice choir, the Crusade today featured the singing of Ethel Waters, Norma Zimmer, Myrtle Hall and George Beverly Shea.

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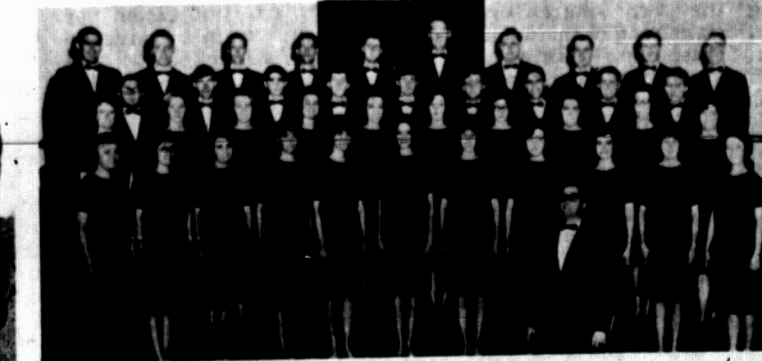
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PUBLIC INVITED

This concert is a climax to the Symposium which will be held Monday and Tuesday, October 27-28, jointly sponsored by the Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and three of the Baptist colleges in Mississippi.

## Baptists Defends Tax Exemption

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Regarding community services to churches for which they do not pay taxes, the committee said, "Where value of services rendered by government to a property is ascertainable, churches should make payment for those services."

Under the principle of "equality and equity" the committee said that "churches... should be given equality in tax privileges with other nonprofit organizations rendering the same social services to the community." As illustrations of such services the committee listed schools, children's homes, hospitals, and pension boards.

The committee asserted that "the freedom of churches to be active in social ministries" should not be handicapped by taxes "that are not applicable to comparable public or other private nonprofit agencies."

"In the event that complete equality is unfair," the committee declared, "churches should seek to achieve equitable treatment."

Finally, the committee said that "exemption from taxation on the basis of services rendered requires a commitment to the common good rather than to a selective religious ministry or to a program of religious recruiting."

## Singing Churchmen Tour-Seminar

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Church, Jackson at 7:30.

The schedule will continue as follows: Oct. 17-9:30 a. m., chapel program, Mississippi College, 12:00 noon, concert First Baptist Church, Canton, 7:30 p. m., concert First Baptist Church, West Point; Oct. 18-7:30 p. m., concert Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo; Oct. 19-11:00 a. m., sing for morning service, First Baptist Church, New Albany, 7:30 p. m., sing at First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.; Oct. 22-7:00 a. m., sing at prayer meeting, Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville; Oct. 24-8:00 a. m., chapel program, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

The Nashville Music Seminary is a "first," according to Mr. Hall, to be held for minister of music from one state by the Church Music Department of the Sunday School Board.

A graduate level seminar, it will deal with the following subjects:

Planning exciting rehearsals, music and recreation staff and public relations, workshop in creativity, better communications, enlisting and training leaders.

Not every place on the tour and seminar is filled. Others interested in making the tour and seminar or the seminar only are urged to immediately contact the Church Music Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

Folks who never change their minds usually have no minds to change.

The most unhappy man believes in nobody, and has doubts about himself.

The man who toots his own horn usually comes out at the small end.



# The Baptist Record

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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

Guest Editorial

## The Association

R. G. Pickett  
In Maryland Baptist

Baptist associations date back as early as the 1640's in England. Local churches related to each other for fellowship and inspiration. By 1655 the title "associations" had emerged and was well recognized. The persecution that followed under Charles II threatened the very existence of Baptists and the associations provided counsel and encouragement for the churches in the critical times.

Persecution was not limited to England but came to America, particularly in Massachusetts and Virginia. In the late 17th century, general meetings without formal organization led to the formation of the Philadelphia Association in 1707.

Matters of faith, polity, discipline and evangelism dominated the interest of the messengers. In this they were like the Jerusalem conference described in Acts 15. The purpose and procedure of the association has not changed basically to the present day when there are more than 1100 Southern Baptist associations.

Baptist churches are autonomous and associations have no authority over them except the right to withdraw fellowship because of defections in doctrine or practice. Thus, the association is the only instrument in Baptist life which sits in judgment of the doctrinal integrity of a local church. The association recognizes the right of the church for self-determination but reserves for itself the same right.

Affiliation of a church with a state convention or the national convention is not conditioned upon doctrine but cooperation with and contribution (financial) to the work maintained by the convention. Associations, which preceded conventions by 180 years, expect this same cooperation and financial support in addition to a reasonable degree of doctrinal uniformity. It is possible for a church to be affiliated with any one of the three organizations (association, state convention,

and SBC) without identification with the other two to do so is the exception rather than the rule.

In addition to their role as guardians of the faith, associations have been instruments in evangelism, missions and Christian education. The association has usually provided the most effective structure for state-assisted programs to be carried out. Though there is the inevitable overlapping and the loss of some efficiency, Southern Baptists have not found a more effective system of assisting local churches. The state and national conventions provide resource people and some financial aid but it is at the associational level the job gets done.

Fellowship has always been a major factor in associational life. There was a time when the all-day meetin' and "dinner-on-the-ground" at the association was the highlight of the year. Baptists traveled far to attend and the host church opened its homes to Baptist families. The two or three day meetings included lusty singing, long sermons, and lengthy debates. But there was a spirit and end result which blessed the churches and messengers. Many weak, struggling churches survived because of inspiration encouragement and tangible assistance offered them by the association.

Urbanization and the pace of modern life have dealt a serious blow to the association and this tangible assistance offered them by the association.

Urbanization and the pace of modern life have dealt a serious blow to the association and this tangible assistance offered them by the association. Attendance has declined, enthusiasm wanes and effectiveness has been jeopardized. Let's change the trend! Start out by attendance at the annual meeting but don't stop there. Let fellowship and information be followed throughout the year by genuine support of the ministry of the association.

Guest Editorial

## Are Baptists Narrow?

K. Owen White,  
Baptist Beacon, Arizona

Are Southern Baptists really narrow? They are! They are as narrow as their Lord. They are as narrow as the truth. They are as narrow as consistency. When they cease to be this narrow they will cease to be Baptists.

Some years ago in a group discussion in Washington, D. C. one of the pastors spoke of liberalism as "a matter of the spirit, a matter of broadmindedness, a matter of generosity, a matter of understanding, a matter of tolerance." He went on to say, "I would no more think of asking a man what he believes than I would think of walking up to him and unbuttoning his shirt to see if he were wearing an undershirt. What he believes is strictly his own business." To which the editor of a well-known Baptist publication said, "If we followed your pattern of thought, within a generation there would be no Baptist denomination!"

We have been challenged again and again on our position concerning the two church ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper. Some of our brethren are weakening and drifting from the New Testament pattern. Is this important? We think so.

Why do we immerse?  
1. Because the weight of evidence clearly indicates that this was the form of baptism in New Testament times. Consider Matt. 3:5, 6 "IN Jordan," Matt. 3:16 "OUT of the water," John 3:23 "much water," Acts 8:38, 39

"down both into the water ... up out of the water."

2. Because the primary meaning of the Greek word "baptizo" is always "dip" or "immerse."

3. Because the imagery of immersion testifies to the facts of death, burial, and resurrection. When the form of baptism is gone and something is substituted for immersion it no longer has clear meaning. It becomes merely another ceremony without deep significance.

The very act of immersion is a dramatic preacher of the great historical and doctrinal facts of the gospel message.

We are further criticized on our position on so-called "alien immersion," that is, immersion practiced by some other group. Our stand here is based upon the fact that some groups regard immersion as essential to salvation. In other words they preach baptismal regeneration. We, of course, do not. Some groups baptize either by immersion or sprinkling and seem to have no God-given conviction as to what the Bible teaches on this important matter. Some baptize by immersion and believe in salvation by grace through faith yet hold many unscriptural doctrines and practices.

Consistency with the New Testament says that we had better hold the line here if we wish to maintain a clear witness to truth, narrow or not!

Guest Editorial Report

## Russian Says

## Khrushchev Converted

Moody Monthly, September, 1969

(This amazing report appeared in Moody Monthly in its September issue. We publish it because of the testimony it gives to the power of the scriptures.—Ed.)

A Russian ship's captain, whose name is obviously withheld for fear of reprisal, claims that before the demolition of the Khrushchev, he person-

ally heard the former Soviet Premier testify to his faith in Christ and that "he wanted to turn Russia to follow in the footsteps of the Lord Jesus Christ."

The report has been passed on by a South African missionary, Gordon Williamson. Williamson says that while a Russian boat was docked in the harbor at Dur-

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## NEWEST BOOKS

AN EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN by Herschel H. Hobbs (Baker, 297 pp., \$6.95)

Another in the series of expositions on the New Testament Books by one of Southern Baptists greatest pastors and Bible scholars. Few men among us have the ability of Herschel Hobbs to dig deep into the riches of the Scriptures and to make their meaning clear to the average reader as well as to the scholar, but also he has the knowledge to deal with scholarly problems, to answer the critics, and to bring the truth to the forefront. This is another of Dr. Hobbs' great books which will find a place on the shelves of many Bible lovers. No book of the Bible is more beloved than the Gospel of John. Dr. Hobbs makes the book live in these pages. His outlining is clear, his exposition is rich, and his application is appropriate. One cannot read this exposition without knowing that the author accepts it as the revelation of God and presents Jesus Christ as the Divine Son of God.

A SYMPOSIUM ON CREATION by Henry M. Morris and others (Baker, 156 pp.)

Outstanding scientists who also are outstanding Christians are the contributors to this splendid book. These men have a wide knowledge of science but also believe the Bible. This book will be most helpful to those who are searching for truth in an area where there is much uncertainty and many uneasy minds. It will not answer all questions but it will give definite clear guidance and defense against some of the modern attacks on the Bible.

CONTROVERSIES IN THE TWENTIES — FUNDAMENTALISM, MODERNISM, AND EVOLUTION edited by Willard B. Gatewood, Jr. (Vanderbilt University Press, 459 pp., \$10.00)

An outstanding historical volume which includes 68 sections from various sources — books, tracts, periodicals, sermons, legislative records, newspapers and personal correspondence dealing with the modernist-fundamentalist conflict within American protestantism during the 1920's. This is a well-written book, even though it includes so many different sources of material. It presents the story of men like J. Graham Machen, William Jennings Bryan, J. W. Porter, A. C. Dickson, George McReady Price, and many others in

ban, South Africa, earlier this year, the captain and his wife, reported to be "professing and radiant Christians," were invited to a Christian Business Men's Committee dinner, with Williamson as the principal speaker. During the dinner the Russian captain and his wife told this story:

While attending a Christian gathering at a Black Sea summer resort, the captain had heard the testimonies of several Christians from behind the Iron Curtain, including Yugoslavia, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, and Russia. During the last evening the crowd was astounded when they saw a white-haired man proceed down the aisle toward the microphone. It was Nikita S. Khrushchev, the captain declared.

In his testimony Mr. Khrushchev said that as a child he had memorized the Gospel of John and other Scriptures. He later attended the university to study political science and there divorced his first wife. Khrushchev said that he now regretted his action and wanted to reverse himself and follow Jesus. Within a few hours, asserts the captain, Khrushchev's testimony was reported to the Kremlin and he was quickly demoted from his position. When reached by telephone,

the fundamentalist-conservative field and on the other side some of the leaders who opposed this Bible-believing group. Mississippians will be interested in the fact that P. T. Martin, one of our famous preachers, has a message in the book. Conservative readers will not agree with everything that is in the book, but they will have to agree that the author has tried to be fair in his presentation as a historian. This will be a splendid reference book on the history of an important era.

## EDUCATION WHAT'S HAPPENING

THE EDUCATION COMMISSION, SBC

### Alive, Growing

NASHVILLE — Church-related college students have saner outlooks on moral questions said the Gallup poll recently. Students throughout the country were questioned about their attitude toward sex. The results showed that a majority in both public and private colleges said that sex before marriage is not wrong, but a majority of denominational college students hold the opposite view. This is at least one answer to those who contend that there is no difference in colleges.

Such samples of value judgments on Baptist campuses indicate that the colleges are very much alive to their responsibilities and opportunities. Many believe that our denomination would not be where it is today had it not been for the constant struggle to keep colleges and seminaries going, the struggle itself having stimulating value. Many believe that Baptists will decline in numbers and influence if we ever get to the place where the majority of our people are willing to say "let George do it" in regard to higher education.

There is great hope that in the leading off of the desire to establish new colleges, in the growth of our convention and increased giving, that our colleges should be able to hold their own in the face of rising costs and competition with the tax dollars. Certainly, without a continuing higher educational program, Southern Baptists could no longer claim to be a major denomination forging ahead in the arena of intellectual thought.

Cameron Townsend, founder of Welles Bible Translators, told Moody Monthly in July, "It just may be true. When we were there (Russia) a few months ago, there was a cloud of secrecy surrounding Mr. Khrushchev." He also said that he had heard rumors of the former Premier's conversion both within and outside Russia.

However, John Noble, an American who spent nine years in Russian slavery, told Moody Monthly he doubted the story. He does confirm that Khrushchev's first wife, whom Noble met while he was being held as an illegal prisoner in Russia, was a devout, praying Christian. Khrushchev, she told him, had been reared by dedicated Christian parents who made him go to church every week. He memorized all four Gospels and received a box of candy for each accomplishment from the church priest at Kanovka, Russia.

When Premier Khrushchev visited the United States in 1959, the late President Eisenhower was said to have witnessed to him. The ex-Premier was reportedly have laughed at Mr. Eisenhower and replied that he could read more Scripture than the former President.



# Quiet Talks

ON RELIGION IN LIFE

CHESTER E. SWOR

## Fortune For Nothing

"Courtesy is worth a million dollars, but it won't cost you a cent to practice it," said the distinguished president of the college which I attended as an undergraduate. Furthermore, he proved it conclusively with an abundance of real-life illustrations and with his own personal living. That belief was a cardinal one in his life, as thousands of his former students will remember, and he voiced it many times each session from the chapel platform.

One of the Southern universities received a significant endowment in the years ago, because a student whom the benefactor never named had displayed generous courtesy to him by volunteering to escort him over the campus to explain its points of history. A mid-Western university received a quarter of a million dollar legacy from a woman who cited an act of genuine courtesy accorded her on a rainy night by the university's president who did not even know her. And a host of courtesy-receiving people who did not have money to give have blessed their benefactors with love and prayer.

Apart from all hope of financial re-

ward — for an act impelled by a hope of financial reward is not genuine courtesy, the courteous person both dispenses and receives, so many rich blessings. The joy of seeing a smile light up another person's face, the compensating thrill of feeling that you have added significance to another person's journey, the fragrant inner consciousness that you have done a completely unselfish act, and the inevitable "boomerang" effect of courtesy constitute rewards which are above money in significance.

When the college president (mentioned above) was eighty years of age, a brilliant testimonial dinner was given in his honor in the largest banquet hall in that state. The great, near-great, and less-great were there to extol him. Alumni surprised him with a handsome financial gift. When he died at eighty-four, letters of condolence came from every state in the union and from 17 foreign countries — including three from heads of governments. In life and in death his philosophy was proved!

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## ON THE MORAL SCENE

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION, SBC

\*James Reston, editor-in-chief

of New York Times, writes in his syndicated column, August 19, 1969, about the astronauts as new American heroes. The following are excerpts: The astronauts have come back from the moon just when the hero business was in a bad way here in America. In his study of "The Hero in America" written long before the start of the U. S. space program, Dixon Wecter gave an accurate description of the personal qualities of the new space heroes. "Bravery, honesty, strength of character are the stuff of hero-worship," he observed. John Glenn, Frank Borman, and Neil Armstrong, to mention only three of them, clearly have the mark of Ben Franklin's Almanac and the McGuffey Reader homilies on them. It was clearly the squares who inherited the moon. They fit the old popular ideal — not brilliant, not vain or arrogant, but modest, open, decent, and self-confident. Few young political radicals today are more idealistic or more eager for social and political reconstruction in the world than John Glenn. He is much more interested in improving the world than in flying to Mars. Frank Borman will be resigning from the space program before too long to work on the problems of the American cities. He sees the space shot as a unifying force within America and also as a challenge that may bring the U. S. and the Soviet Union into space co-operation and eventually into political accommodation. Neil Armstrong didn't proclaim the conquest of the moon for the U. S., but for all mankind. "We hope and think," he said later, "that this is the beginning of an era when man begins to understand the universe around him... and when man understands himself..."

The spacemen have reawakened the ideal of heroism and dramatized the possibilities of human cooperation. The models before the young recent years have not been very exciting but now the kids have something to dream about.

## Campus Book Stores Manager Named

NASHVILLE (BP) — William S. Graham, manager of the Baptist Book Store at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, has been named manager of the new campus stores department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's book store division.

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# More Crusade Reports

NOTE: Following are further reports from Mississippians who participated in Crusade of the Americas revivals in Montana and Ohio this summer. They have been in type for several weeks, but their publication was delayed because of Hurricane Camille and the mass of news materials following it. Other reports also were received, but because of space problems involved, the Baptist Record will not publish additional ones.

## Many Were Confused And Indifferent

Rev. W. Harold Anderson, Tupelo, at East Liverpool  
Avondale Baptist Church of East Liverpool, Ohio was the church where I preached. It has a membership of 70. We had two professions of faith and one by statement. The pastor and I were in Seminary together. I found him very diligent about his work and I have never worked with a man who was so intent about visiting and witnessing. He had only been there about six weeks as pastor. We found that the records of the church were very incomplete and this was a hindrance. We found that they had been through a trial in relationship to their former pastor.

Wherever we went people were nice to us they would show us every courtesy and would permit us to witness to them but their response was indifference, and they would promise to attend the services but never did. So many were confused because they had heard the doctrine of grace plus works as God's plan of salvation. So many had been disappointed in church leaders and said they did not see that the church had anything to offer.

Many former Southern Baptists were identifying with other faiths, and we felt the real reason was because they wanted to be identified with the established group instead of paying the price to help establish our work. The Harrisburg Baptist Church, Dr. Robert Hamblin, pastor, made it possible for me to go. I am indebted to the church for the opportunity that was mine. I came back hoping that I shall be able to show my appreciation to God for that which we have here and to thank my association for the opportunity of serving here.

## Applewood Acres Meeting In A Basement

Rev. Hugh Poole, Yazoo City, at Applewood Acres, Youngstown  
The people of Concord Church, paid the expenses of my family and Carlton Renfrow, to spend a week of witnessing and preaching in Applewood Acres Baptist Mission in Youngstown, Ohio. We were joined in this work by Mr. and Mrs. James Hiram Smith, song leader; Miss Charlene Walker, pianist, all from Magee, and Ray Moffat from Laurel.

Even though we did not have any visible response during the week, these workers, along with Rev. David Townsend, pastor of Applewood Acres, were able to get the name of Jesus Christ and the work of this young church in two hundred and fifty homes; and delivered over 6,000 revival handbills. Rev. Townsend reported to the workers on Friday that they had found eighteen to twenty good prospects.

Applewood Acres Baptist Mission is located in a choice section of town. The eleven members have bought almost four acres of land and a four-story house with a loan through the Home Mission Board. The church is now meeting in the basement of the house. If this church had a building equal to other church buildings in the area, they could double their enrollment in one month. The people this church can reach live in twenty to thirty thousand dollar homes or two hundred and fifty dollar a month apartments. It is difficult to get them to come to church in a basement.

## John E. Barrow, Meridian, at Southside, Billings

We had a good revival at Southside Church. There were three professions of faith, three by transfer of letter, seven rededications, and one who surrendered to full-time Christian work, perhaps the ministry. He is now Sunday school superintendent of the church.

The church was without a pastor, but the people were carrying on quite well under the leadership of an interim pastor, Rev. Ernest Ragland, retired. They are real Southern Baptist in every respect, using Life and Work literature, giving 10% to the Cooperative Program, and sponsoring a mission in a small town below Billings, with one of the men out of Southside leading in the work.

## Some Observations On Steel Valley

By Rev. M. E. Perry, Corinth, to Steel Valley Area

The Ohio Steel Valley Crusade of the Americas reveal some very interesting and - or conclusions. . . . The programs we have in our churches with complete organizations, robed choirs, instructed leadership etc., etc., are yet to be obtained in almost all of their churches and-or missions. . . . About 90% of the "congregations" are made up of Southerners who have moved north. Only a small percentage of the local citizens have been reached. . . . A man with a lady companion is better than a man or a group of men when visiting. In many such instances the safety chain is not unfastened when a man knocks, simply because there are so many guises used by unprincipled door-knockers. . . . Vacation Bible Schools are the keys to reach families. Many times a mission of 10 or 20 members will have from 40 to 60 in VBS. . . . A large majority of the adult population make no pretense of attending a church of any kind. . . . Catholics and Lutherans have large church rolls and beautiful buildings, neither of which lays great stress on living a Christian life. When the question is asked: How many Christians are in the territory the answer is, All. So considered but not practiced.

A specific need, although not accepted by the leaders, is fewer missions and stronger churches. Better housing is a MUST (made possible by the HMB) if Southern Baptists are to "compete" with the more sophisticated church buildings of other denominations. It is only human to pass up a service in a garage, a store, a basement, etc., etc., and go to a stately edifice hardby, regardless of the denominations or its teachings.

This statement is authenticated: One-half of the population of the US is found in that enlarged area, which is one-sixth of the total. Driving two hours in any direction from Warren, Ohio, puts you the midst of two and a half million of people. Staggering! Steel Valley Association, consisting of four counties in Ohio and mission work in two Pennsylvania counties has a Southern Baptist membership of less than 1300. In the Stadium revival in Niles, attendance one night was greater than the membership of all churches and missions. Comparing attendance of the Stadium revival with surrounding population, the percentage is a great deal less than 1%. 1300 in the Stadium attendance compares with 130,000 in the Bible belt.

Many of the preachers are making unbelievable sacrifices to establish our work there. They need both our prayers and our financial aid, but NOT our sympathy.

## Many Here From W. Va. And Pennsylvania

Rev. Jack Elliot, Highland, Meridian at Southeast Warren  
Highland Church, Meridian, sent their pastor, his wife, Florence, Deacon Harold Yates and Music Director, Bill Wilkinson, to work with the Southeast Warren Baptist Chapel, Rev. A. J. Singley, pastor. This mission was begun last summer and meets in a rented school building. The record Sunday School attendance at Southeast is 35.

During revival week there were ten professions of faith, eight rededications and one transfer of letter to the Southeast Chapel. There was a record high attendance of 47 one week night. I feel that these results accrued from seeds sown by Pastor Singley and some faithful Christians including some Mississippians from the Jackson area who worked in this area last year.

The membership of Southeast was one of the most appreciative and responsive groups with which he had worked. They are reaching a segment of people that are being missed entirely by the mainline denominations in their area. Our pastors in the area need financial support from strong established churches so that they may concentrate on ministering to spiritually hungry people. Included in the spiritually impoverished are many who have moved to the area from West Virginia, Pennsylvania and other areas to work in industry. Many of these people attended some church as a child but have not become a part of any church group since coming to the Warren area. It will take a lot of time and cultivation to reach these people, but some will be reached if the pastors and workers in Ohio receive the financial support to enable them to concentrate on their work.

## Joint Bible School With Mennonites

Rev. Jim Nunnalee, Center Ridge, Yazoo City, at Columbiana, Ohio  
A Baptist revival in a Mennonite Church was a new experience for four Mississippi men. John Carley and Willis Sutherland, both deacons at Center Ridge, and Aaron Lewis, pastor of the Ethel Baptist Church were assigned along with me to the First Baptist Church of Columbiana, Ohio. The plans called for a joint Vacation Bible School with the Mennonites in the mornings from Monday through Friday, meeting in the Mennonite Church using Southern Baptist literature. The faculty was primarily Baptist with helpers only in the Beginner and Primary departments from the Mennonite Church. We enrolled 49 during the week and the average attendance was almost perfect. Every faculty member had perfect attendance and only 2



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Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. 2 Cor. 9: 11. —RNS Photo

children missed a day after they enrolled. They seemed so hungry for the teaching of the Word.

Except for the Sunday morning service the revival services were conducted in the Mennonite church and there was excellent co-operation among the local groups. Attendance was good but the interest shown and the spirit of each service was better. In Columbiana there are approximately 4998 white people and 2 Negroes. There are 10 churches within the city limits and several just outside of town. People are actually confused on what they should believe, for each church is a different denomination. One night in our services we had 9 preachers and we represented 6 different denominations. Each one recognized that God's word was being preached and made a point to tell me so.

During the week there was one man saved, one transfer of membership and 4 rededications. The work has been slow because of a poor foundation laid 4 years ago when the work began. Poor leadership resulted in the organization of a church before it could stand alone. The church is now ineligible for Project 500 support and is in very serious trouble financially. The present pastor, Rev. Tom Willford, is convinced that this is where God wants him and it takes a consecrated family to stay with a church that meets in a basement without any natural light, and depends on the pastor's tithes and offerings to pay most of the expenses.

## Ray Campbell, Plain, at Forsythe

Forsythe is a large town beside the Yellowstone River. The people are friendly and enthusiastic about the progress being made in their area. The vast ranges of eastern Montana were practically useless until a few years ago. Now, some of the finest beef in the world comes from Montana. Therefore, the cowboy and wild west influence is still felt.

Other denominations have established work there, but Southern Baptists are the only active evangelicals. Revivalism is practically unknown, and very few people understand the message or appreciate the value of spiritual emphasis.

Forsythe Church averages between 45 and 50 in Sunday school. During the Crusade, our attendance ran from 40 to 70 each evening. Jim and Ashley McCaleb of Handsboro Church were there for the week. As a result of their work, we had excellent music. Three laymen from Florence came to give their testimony on three different nights. We had two professions of faith and five re-dedications.

The building is very nice and is well located. Financially the church is weak. The pastor works as a carpenter to supplement his income.

## V. C. Windham, Hattiesburg, at Livingston

I was the evangelist, J. D. Parker, Philadelphia, Minister of Music. We worked with Rev. Roy A. Garrison, pastor Absaroka Heights Church, Livingston, Montana. "Big Sky" is the name that the Indians gave Montana. . . . it is just that!

In Livingston, 8,000 plus population, SBC work is well established. There were 8 dedications in the first service. Brother Garrison said that the response was the greatest during his 5 1/2 years as pastor, during a revival effort. One man came requesting a visit from the pastor. We went that afternoon. . . . he made a profession of faith in Jesus. . . . his teenage son did the same. . . . the wife, who was already saved, made the decision to be baptized into the fellowship of the church. There are several more in that family, who have already been witness to by the pastor and wife, that have made decisions.

## Bill Hardy, Kosciusko, at Trinity, Billings

—Montana is mission territory and Montana Southern Baptists are truly missionaries. Two outstanding facts are foremost in mind as I recall experiences of the Crusade revival in Trinity Baptist Church of Billings. One, is that these Baptists are devoted to Christ and hunger for fellowship with those of similar beliefs and second that they are truly dedicated and committed to do the very best they can for the Saviour where they are.

Although only 1 profession of faith was publicly registered, there were rededications and God is moving among His people as members have committed themselves, along with their pastor, to seek in prayer the direction of the Holy Spirit and to make a vital impact for Jesus Christ.

Native people have difficulty understanding why Southern Baptists have such poor meeting facilities, but this is gradually changing with the help and support of stronger churches in the South. People were as responsive to home visitation as we find them in many of our cities down here. In all of the visits and personal calls made, not once was the treatment rude or discourteous to me, though there were some reports of such treatment. The singing was jubilant, the fellowship was warm, the prayer was uplifting and moving, and God will get the victory.

## Jackie Hamilton, Quiman, at First, Three Forks

Situated at the head waters of the three rivers which merge to form the Missouri River is Three Forks, Montana. The small town, less than 1500, is experiencing a small boom as construction workers from the new, nearby interstate highway seek board and lodging. Though now on a main highway system, the interstate will rob the town of much of its tourist trade. Ranching and farming continue to be the mainstay.

First Church, Three Forks began six years ago when an energetic, respected farmer decided to start a local Baptist church. Meeting in the Odd Fellows Hall, the church was formed with Rev. Roger Hill of Texas as first and only pastor. Today an attractive, functional building houses the membership of eighty-eight. Of 138 enrolled in Sunday school, attendance was ninety and ninety-two on the two Sundays I served in revival effort. Two adults made professions of faith, and nine rededicated their lives. The response and faithfulness of the youth was overwhelming.

Visiting proved to be a time consuming endeavor as many prospects lived a number of miles from town, often on inferior roads. The town has several old established churches which many, perhaps most, of the town people "belong."

First Baptist of Three Forks is now assisting in a successful mission work at West Yellowstone. So goes the spreading of the gospel. As First Baptist, Quiman, Miss. pays a portion of the monthly building payment on the Three Forks church, that church is enabled to begin and assist in new ventures of faith in pioneer areas of Baptist work.

## Joe Odle, Jackson, at Kirkwood, Bozeman

Mrs. Odle and I had the privilege of working with Rev. John Raspberry and his congregation at Kirkwood in Bozeman. Mr. Raymond Arring-

ton, a layman from Dallas, led the singing. His family was with him. This is a modern city of perhaps 15,000 population in beautiful Gallatin Valley in Southern Montana, about ninety miles north of Yellowstone Park. The lush valley is surrounded by Mountain ranges. Montana State University, with about 7,000 students, is in Bozeman.

The church is small, and their building new but hardly adequate and much of their most successful work is with students, who were away at this time of year. Attendance was small but began to grow by the middle of the week, so that by Saturday night we were having our largest crowds. If we could have gone another week, I think we could have had a real revival. There were only two professions, but other interest was manifested and I feel that harvest will continue. There are many other established churches in Bozeman, but few that are evangelical or evangelistic. This church, like all others in Montana, needs the prayerful support of other Baptists everywhere. They are helping lay a Baptist and strong evangelical witness in their area.

## Wilbur Irvin, Jackson, at Helena Valley

We saw the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in each service. We did not see large numbers attending nor a great influx of new members or new converts, but we did see a handful of gracious people whose already radiant and Christian lives became even more evident as they rededicated themselves to God and His Kingdom's Service.

During the week we saw one person unite with the church by letter and seventeen come by rededication when the invitation was given. I believe the significance was as much in the sincerity of the decisions as in the number. I must add that a Mississippi preacher and his family also felt a reviving of Spirit as they shared those days with the people of Helena Valley Baptist Church.

## W. A. Robinson, Meridian, at West Yellowstone

"Way down south" in Montana is the resort town of West Yellowstone. Located in the tri-state area of Idaho, Wyoming, and Montana, West Yellowstone marks the western entrance of famous Yellowstone Park. The six hundred winter residents are swelled by tourists to ten thousand on a summer night.

Revival in this area, especially at the peak of the tourist season, was the unusual thing, but revival was experienced in West Yellowstone. What other church could boast every resident member present during revival meeting? The church has seven members.

The first Sunday morning was a record attendance of 84 in the trailer chapel, arranged to seat 70 people, with sixteen states represented in the congregation. Night services averaged thirty, with a high attendance of 101 the second Sunday.

The Lord blessed our revival efforts with the baptism of a man who had been known in the community as a sharp gambler, and a teenage girl whose parents ran a local bar. Their baptism by Pastor Owen in the Madison River was a beautiful sight to see. There were six other professions of faith, three who joined by letter, and three Christian rededications. Since our return, we have learned of two others who came for baptism, thus doubling the membership of West Yellowstone.

## Fuller Saunders, Jackson, at First, Great Falls

It was a spiritual privilege to be part of this united pioneer missionary thrust of Mississippi as so many of us were preaching the Gospel throughout the state of Montana. I thank the leaders of our state for asking Mr. Muller and me to go. I am most thankful that the church wanted to send us.

One week hardly qualifies one to be an expert, but I would like to share the following observations from our week at Great Falls.

1. Dr. Leroy Smith is doing a superb job in co-ordinating and directing the work of the State.
2. The local pastors are most dedicated.
3. The individual churches are meeting a real need for our Southern Baptist membership moving North. (Malmstrom Air Force Base at Great Falls)
4. I did feel that more effort should be exerted to reach the local people —not proselytizing but winning them to Christ.
5. In our honest effort to be helpful we must be careful that we do not rob them of the privilege of exerting their own initiative and using their own resources.
6. It is a great feeling of holding hands with fellow workers and moving together in one effort to proclaim Christ.

## At Byram Church

## Silver Celebration Of Service

At Byram Church, on Oct. 19, special services and dinner on the ground will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the pastor, Rev. Henry J. Bennett. During this period of service the church has grown to the largest village church in the state, and leads in the largest number of baptisms in the village churches, according to the Quarterly Review, in its selected churches over the convention.

During these years, the church was given a full page write — up in the Sunday School Builder for the modern and efficient nursery building and equipment. The spirit of the church has manifested itself in "giving and forgiving."

The present and future emphasis for the church is on youth. Future plans call for the ninth building program, which will be a modern youth activity building to meet the challenge of the church's 150 young people.

All friends and former members are invited to join in this "silver celebration of service."

## Student From Jordan To Speak At Damascus

Toufiq Batarseh, native of Jordan, who is studying at Mississippi College in preparation for the ministry, will speak at Damascus Church, Madison County, Sunday night, October 18, at 7 p. m. He will show slides of the Holy Land. The pastor, Rev. Jon Lorch, invites the public to attend. The Damascus Church is making plans to remodel Sunday school rooms and to provide a church kitchen.



# 1st, Leakesville Lists Accomplishments Of The Church Development Year

One year ago the Leakesville, First Church entered upon the "Church Development Ministry" promoted by the Cooperative Missions Department. Eighteen projects were approved by the church and carried out by individuals and groups. The pastor, Dr. Wesley Ellis, reported on results October 5.

Studies of buildings and grounds resulted in a "Set Up for Summer" work day in June. Among repairs and improvements were the removal of stumps in front of the sanctuary, reactivation of the chimes system, repairs to organ and public address system, and sealing of a long-standing leak in the steeple. Proposals for major repairs and renovations and for the remounting of the old church bell have been referred to the Properties Committee for recommendations.

A Church Constitution and Bylaws was adopted in June, resulting in more orderly procedure in church affairs and in the recent selection of deacons for a rotation system.

Lights on the recreation field were repaired, a ping pong table was purchased, and several outings were enjoyed.

A Church Library opened in April, with about \$200 being spent during the year for library books. The church places books in the library in memory of members who pass away. The History Committee did an extensive study of the church history and compiled a Scrapbook. A history booklet will be published next June for the 65th anniversary and home-

coming. The 64th Anniversary was observed June 1, 1969. The first Sunday of each June is to be "Church Anniversary Sunday," with homecoming each five years.

A total of 40 new members were received into the fellowship during the year, 21 by baptism and 19 by letter. The WMU undertook distribution of Sunday school lesson leaflets each weekend at the local hospital. Probably about one thousand or more leaflets, tracts, and gospel portions were distributed during the year. Three local revivals were held.

Two and one-half percent of all budget receipts were given to Greene County Associational missions, a total of \$466.51. Ten percent of all budget receipts went to world missions through the Cooperative Program, a total of \$1,940.36 — fifty-five percent more than in the previous year.

The WMU worked with the pastor and the Brotherhood director to involve the entire membership in special missions emphases. All special missions offering goals were exceeded. For example, \$690.18 went directly to foreign missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering; \$364.75 went for home missions; \$186.70 was given to state missions; \$70.80 went through the WMS Special Day Offering; \$155 was designated for the Baptist Children's Village in Jackson; \$215.28 was collected for the Hurricane Relief Fund; \$78 was given to the work of the Gideons. In all, missions expenditures amounted to almost \$4,200.

## Names In The News

Larry Aultman, missionary journeyman, was scheduled to arrive September 17 in Malawi, where he will serve as an evangelism assistant. He may be addressed at Box 50, Salima, Malawi. Mr. Aultman, of Hattiesburg, Miss., is a graduate of William Carey College, Hattiesburg. Employed by the Foreign Mission Board in April, he recently completed journeyman training at Virginia Intermont College, Bristol.

Michael R. Thomas, right, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thomas, was licensed to the gospel ministry by Shiloh Church, Chickasaw County, on August 31. Rev. Bobby Long, at left, is his pastor. Michael will enter Clarke College in January.

Craig Hitt, Connie Hitt, and Ginger Roberts have received six-year pins and Betsy Roberts and Mrs. Nona Roberts five-year pins at First Church, Collinsville, for perfect attendance in Sunday school. Pins for shorter periods went to seven others. Rev. J. M. Snowden is the pastor.

John D. Boskas, director of publications and communications for the Annuity Board, SBC, Dallas, has been accredited by the Public Relations Society of America. Boskas joins 1642 other accredited members in the world's largest organization of public relations practitioners. To be accredited, Boskas had to complete a written examination on the basic body of public relations knowledge and an oral exam on his competency to apply that knowledge in the practice of public relations.

Rev. Bill Lott was ordained October 5 at Morgan City Church, where he is interim pastor. His home church is Lake Washington, First Church. He is a junior at Mississippi College. The three guest speakers at the ordination service were Rev. Dan Neil, pastor, Lake Washington, First Church; Rev. Malcolm Massey, pastor of Southway Church, Brookhaven; and Rev. Charlie Hood, pastor at Sidon.

Susan Varnado is pictured receiving her six-year perfect attendance pin from the Sunday school superintendent at Osyka Church, Jerry Craft. Miss Varnado, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ray Varnado of Osyka, is a 10th grade student at South Pike High School, Magnolia. The Osyka Church, Rev. Richard G. Gordon, pastor, is making final preparations for its centennial celebration in April, 1970.

Blanchard Hinton, native of Hattiesburg, recently began his duties as minister of music at Crestview Church, Petal. The son of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Hinton, he graduated from William Carey College, and studied at New Orleans Seminary. While in New Orleans he was education director at Colosseum Place Church. Following a three-year tour of duty with the U.S. Naval Reserve aboard the USS Forestal, he began his teaching career at George County High School, Lucedale. This summer he did graduate study at University of Southern Mississippi. He is now teaching social studies at Petal High School, as well as serving the Crestview Church. Rev. Olyn Roberts is pastor at Crestview.

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## Goodyear Bus Strengthens Program

THE ABOVE PICTURED BUS has been purchased by the Goodyear Church, Picayune. Already, since June, the church ministry has been greatly strengthened. Many special trips have been taken by groups from the church and plans are for a youth choir tour in November using the bus for transportation. The bus is also used to transport students and others to all the Picayune Memorial High School out-of-town football games. The bus is used to make a route on Sunday morning to pick up those who need a ride to Sunday school. In addition, because of needed space for Sunday school, a Junior Boys Sunday School Class is now meeting on the bus. The men standing beside the bus, left to right are Rick Van Egmond, minister of music and youth at Goodyear, and Rev. A. F. Grice, pastor. The bus committee is made up of the following: Hilbert Miller, Chairman, James Perrette, and Ivey Rawson.

## Sword Drill And Memory Work Drills Leaflets Are Now Available

Intermediate Sword Drill and Junior Memory Work Drill leaflets have been printed and are ready for distribution, according to Norman A. Rodgers, Director of Junior and Intermediate Work with the Mississippi Training Union Department.

These Bible skill activities promoted through the Training Union Department enlisted around 800 Junior and Intermediate boys and girls at state level in participation last year. According to Mr. Rodgers, the problem is not the enlistment of boys and girls to participate but the enlistment of adult leaders who are

nursing home. A native of Fort Worth, Texas, a graduate of Mississippi College, Douglas has been educational director in four churches, and pastored churches in Memphis, Tennessee, St. Louis, Missouri, First Pompano Beach, and Riverside in Miami.

Orders for these pamphlets previously received in the Training Union Department office have been filled and requests received from now on will be filled on the day they are received.

Requests should be addressed to Training Union Department, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi 39205.

James Q. Berthelot is the new minister of education at Highland Church, Meridian. A native of Maurepas, Louisiana, he is married to the former Marie Hudson of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and they have two daughters, Michele, 12, and Suzette, 9. Mr. Berthelot is a graduate of Southeastern Louisiana College and received his Master of Religious Education degree from New Orleans Seminary. He came to Highland from Cherokee Heights Church, Macon, Georgia. Formerly he served for two years as minister of education, First Church, Pentotoc.



Sara E. Calder, 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Calder of West Point, is shown, as she is given an 11-year-perfect attendance Sunday school pin. Making the presentation to "Beth," (as her friends call her), is her father, Sunday school superintendent at Siloam Church. Mrs. Calder says that this is the best perfect attendance record in her family of four children, of whom Beth is youngest.

Rev. Mack R. Douglas, pastor of Riverside Baptist Church in Miami, has resigned to become executive director of Baptist Village Inc., the retirement center in Pompano Beach, Florida, that is owned by Gulfstream Baptist Association. Founded in 1963, Baptist Village now has 36 completed apartments and plans to break ground shortly on a \$600,000, 120 bed

Rev. Buford C. Sellers, Sr., (pictured) pastor, Oakland Church at Oakland, Miss., will fly to Twin Falls, Idaho, to preach for a revival in the East-side Southern Baptist Church Oct. 19-24.

Dr. Jack Lyall, chairman of the Division of Fine Arts at Mississippi College, is serving as toastmaster and speaker at three regional conventions of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia during the month of October. He was at the Southwest Region Convention in Fort Worth, Texas, on October 3-4 and at the Gulf Coast Region Convention at Baton Rouge, La., October 6-7; and was at the Appalachian Region Convention at Nashville, Tenn., October 13-14.



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## Training Union

Jimmy Crowe, Consultant in the General Administration Section of the Church Training Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will be assisting the Mississippi Training Union Department staff during the first four of twelve Pastor-Director Conferences scheduled October 27-November 7.



The agenda for these meetings will include the new church study course which will become effective January 1, 1970, the details of which are not yet in print; a count-down on preparation planned for enlightenment of church leaders and members as to changes to become effective next year; an evaluation of the Training Union Achievement Guide as a tool for planning; and an emphasis on advance as well as preparation during the year ahead.

Miss Micky Martin, Elementary Associate in the Kentucky Training Union Department, will join the Mississippi staff for the week of November 3-7 when two teams will be operating in central and north Mississippi.

The complete schedule of these meetings follows, with each one scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.

October 27	Gulfport, First Baptist Church
October 28	Hattiesburg, Temple Baptist Church
October 30	Brookhaven, First Baptist Church
October 31	Natchez, First Baptist Church
November 3	Sardis, First Baptist Church
	Meridian, Southside Baptist Church
November 4	Indianola, First Baptist Church
	Starkville, First Baptist Church
November 6	Kosciusko First Baptist Church
	Corinth, First Baptist Church
November 7	Jackson, Van Winkle Baptist Church
	Pontotoc, First Baptist Church

## BMC ALUMNA TO MEET DURING CONVENTION

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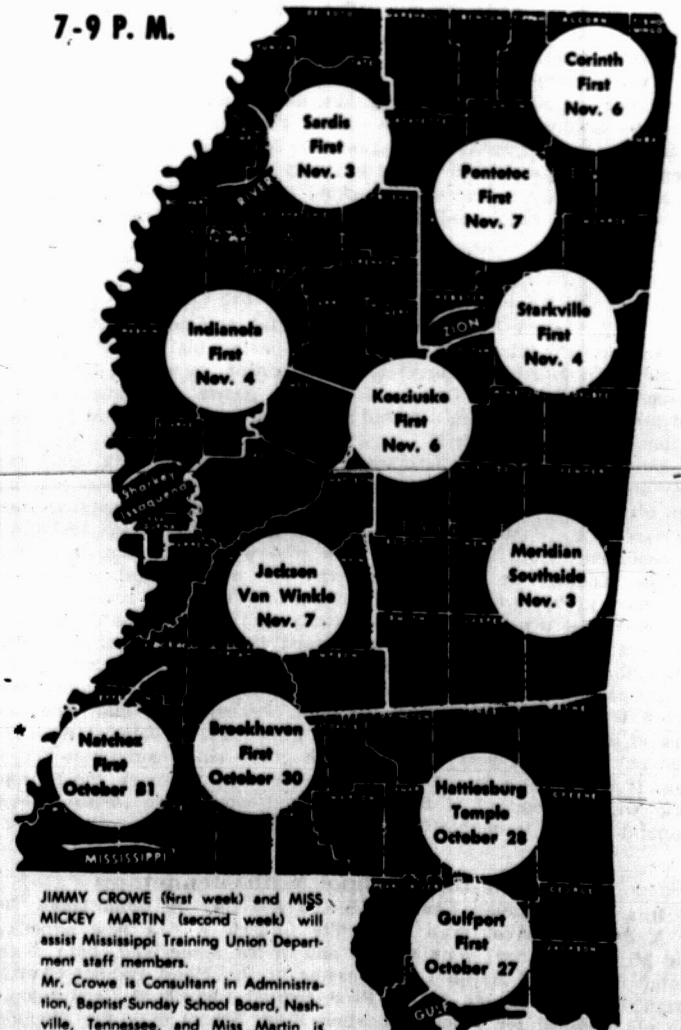
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Mr. Crowe is Consultant in Administration, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, and Miss Martin is Elementary Associate in the Kentucky Training Union Department.



# Foreign Bd. Executives Examine Personnel Needs

Urgent calls for missionary preachers in Brazil, Lebanon, Hong Kong, Philippines, Ivory Coast, and Costa Rica headlined a "new missionary needs" meeting of area and personnel secretaries of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, September 26.

Lists of missionary needs, prepared by Southern Baptist missionaries in the 70 countries where they work, had just been received and were reviewed for priority and clarification by the group.

"The French-speaking countries of West Africa present a demanding challenge for missionary preachers," said Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa for the Board.

Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for

South America, said the need for preaching missionaries is acute in most South American countries. "It has reached a critical stage in North Brazil (one of the three areas in Brazil to which Southern Baptist missionaries are under appointment); Uruguay, Ecuador, and Peru," he said. North Brazil has not received a Southern Baptist missionary preacher since 1966, he noted.

According to Dr. R. Keith Parks, secretary for Southeast Asia, the dramatic response to gospel preaching currently going on in the Philippines makes imperative the addition of missionary preachers to that field.

The all-day meeting was presided over by Rev. Louis R. Cobbs, the

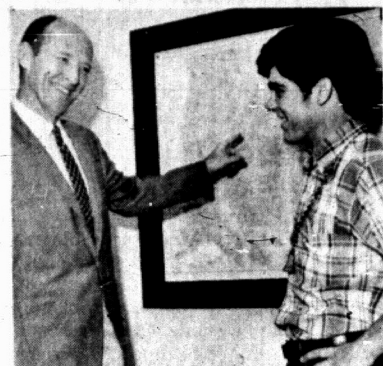
Board's secretary for missionary personnel, and Dr. Winston Crawley, director of the overseas division. The group also recorded requests for religious education specialists, musicians, theology teachers, and publicists, social, and student workers.

Dr. Franklin T. Fowler, medical consultant for the Board, pointed out that the Missions (organizations of Southern Baptist missionaries) involved in medical work have requested 34 physicians for the coming year. Mr. Cobbs noted that only 11 physicians have been appointed in the last five years. Calls for nurses, dentists, and medical technologists were also recognized.

Financial limitations came into

view as a large number of requests for missionary associates and missionary journeymen were studied. The group decided that career missionaries would get first call on money available in the coming year. Hope was expressed, however, that a considerable number of associates and journeymen could still be sent out.

Reviewing the group's findings, Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Board, said: "Missionaries are urgently needed. God will call his servants and they will respond. Will resources be available? We believe Southern Baptists will provide whatever is necessary, because they care."



## MK From Uruguay

WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE MK (missionary kid), Jason Carlisle from Uruguay, poses above with his new debate coach. Pointing to a map showing some of the debate meets which the Carey team will be attending this year is Coach Robert Dayton. Coming to Carey this year from Birmingham Southern College, Dayton is part-time instructor at Carey and studying for the doctorate at the University of Southern Mississippi.

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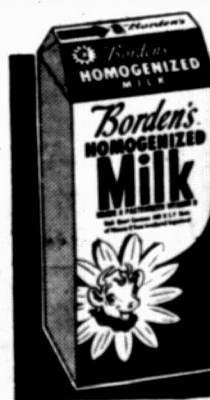
NASHVILLE (BP) — Ralph L. Murray, pastor of Smithwood Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn., for 21 years, has been named editor of adult materials, Sunday School department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, effective Oct. 16.

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## Man's Offense And Its Results

By Bill Duncan  
Gen. 3:1-6, 22-23

There is no greater tragedy in all the Bible than what we find in Genesis 3. This is the beginning of man's rebellion against God. There is found no greater degree of knowledge nor ignorance in any one since. Man and woman are presented as prime examples of God's creation. They had the capacities to love and to worship God but they also had the ability to choose wrong. They were tempted by one who suffered also because of his misleading of Eve. Satan is a being that must be reckoned with in every life.

**The Serpent** The serpent was used by Satan to tempt Eve. There was nothing evil about the serpent. He was a part of God's creation and considered good. But, like everything the devil touches, he was ruined. Afterwards Satan was referred to as the old Serpent. Satan was subtle and wise in the goal of sin against God. Satan caused Eve to doubt the goodness of God and man and woman's place in creation. Woman was not willing to be honest with the instruction of God. God said that they were not to eat of the tree but woman added they were not to touch it. This opened the way to more subtle tactics. Because of the attitude of the woman's words, the Serpent removed the woman's cause for fear by declaring, "Ye shall not surely die." He also made God to appear as not seeking the best for the man and woman. "Ye shall be as God, knowing good and evil."

The approach of Satan has not changed from the beginning. He wants people to doubt God. When they do, then he tries to get them to worship him. Satan never appears as one who would lead a person astray but always disguises himself.

**The Man and Woman** Man was made in the image of God, and was the highest form of creation. This gave man the ability to choose whom he would serve and worship. The tragedy was that he chose not to obey God, but to eat of the forbidden tree. This set in motion the immoral acts and thoughts that God called sin. The waves from this splash in the water of life have gone in every direction.

The experience that comes to Adam and Eve comes to all men and women some time in their lives. They come to a point, at an early time in life, where they must choose to obey God or to disobey God. Some would call this the age of accountability. The sorrow is that inevitably the human has chosen to disobey God. Man thinks somehow he can outsmart God, that he for one can sin and not suffer the consequences. Surely Adam did not think that he would

## Accepts Kentucky Post

Rev. Fred G. Womack, formerly of Magee, has recently been called as pastor of the English Baptist Church, Stevensport, Kentucky. Mr. Womack is a second year theology student at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

A graduate of Mississippi College, he was pastor of Gum Springs Church, Braxton, for two years while a college student. His wife, the former Ann Cranford of Clinton, is teaching in Jefferson County Schools.

The Womacks' address is P. O. Box 666, S. B. T. S., Louisville, Kentucky 40206.

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON — LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM

## God's Judgment On Israel

By Clifton J. Allen  
Hosea 4:1 to 5:14; Amos 7:8; 2 Kings 17

This lesson records the downfall and destruction of Israel, which represented the ten Northern tribes. The end came in 722 B.C. The last king of the Northern Kingdom was Hoshea, who ruled as a pure vassal of Assyria. When he sought to make an alliance with Egypt, the king of Assyria made war on Israel, captured Hoshea, laid siege to the city of Samaria, and finally conquered the capital. The king of Assyria carried the best people of the land away into captivity, brought in colonists from without, and thus brought to an end the existence of the Northern Kingdom. The explanation behind Israel's downfall was God's righteous judgment on a perverse, idolatrous, stiff-necked, and faithless people. God's prophets—Amos, Hosea, and others—called the people to repentance, but there was no response. The nation had forfeited its right to live.

## The Lesson Explained THE WAY DOWN

The nation's downward course began with Jeroboam, the first king, "who made Israel to sin." He planted the seeds of idolatry, turned the nation away from God, and set fatal consequences in operation from the beginning. Ahab and Jezebel made Baalism so much a part of Israel's life that nothing short of judgment could suffice. The nation reached its highest level of economic power under Jeroboam II, but pride, injustice, greed, and indifference toward God forfeited the nation's right to live. From Hosea we learn that Israel forsook God, like a faithless wife turning to harlotry; the land was full of swearing, breaking faith, killing, stealing, adultery, and murder. Israel was joined to idols, having dealt treacherously with Jehovah. From Amos

we learn that God sent judgment after judgment on Israel, but the nation refused to heed the divine warning, so that there was no alternative to destruction.

**INDICTMENT (vv. 9-17)** The opening verses of the chapter record the actual siege of Samaria, the capital of Israel. The verses selected for special study give the reason for God's use of Assyria to destroy Israel. The people forgot their wondrous deliverance from Egypt and their covenant obligation to Jehovah. They worshiped idols, walked in the statutes of the heathen, did secretly the things not right, set up images in groves for idolatrous and immoral worship, wrought wickedness of every sort, and engaged in such activities as provoked the righteous anger of the Lord. In prosperity they made pleasure their god and sacrifices to Jehovah a mockery of sincerity.

Israel's downfall was due also to unrighteousness and injustice. Without the fear of God, they ignored justice and mercy and gave themselves to lust and dissipation, greed and dishonesty, pride and violence. And through it all, they were stiff-necked and rebellious, unbelieving and indifferent, refusing to hearken to the words of warning from God's prophets, who declared to them the certain judgment of God.

**Executive (v. 18)** This verse is a fearful revelation of truth. The Lord was angry with Israel. This was the anger of God's holiness, the wrath of righteousness due to the rejection of love and mercy. God was driven to the necessity to execute judgment, not because of a desire to destroy, but from the moral necessity of his holy nature. He had done all that was right to bless the people of Israel and to encourage them in reverence and trust and allegiance. But they willfully rejected God and brought upon themselves destruction and captivity. Only the tribe of Judah was left of God's chosen people.

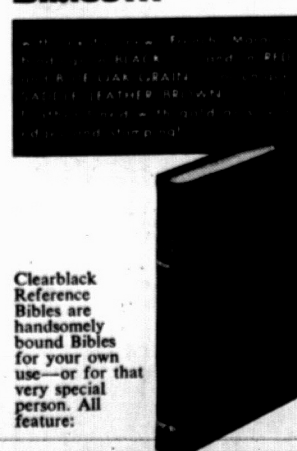
## Truths to Live By

**Rebellion against God brings destruction.** — The only foundation for enduring achievement and the only source of wholeness of life are found in God. To rebel against God or be estranged from God means that life is fragmented, broken, incomplete, and subject to death. The inevitable outcome of such rebellion is the crack-up or breakdown or disintegration of the spirit of man and, ultimately, torment. Ultimately, rebellion brings the destruction of unforgiven sins, of guilt before God, of separation from life, of eternal agony.

**Disobedience has dangerous potential.** — Disobedience led the people of Israel farther and farther away from God. False religion encouraged false morals — dishonesty, dissipation, injustice, pride, and heartless indifference to the needs of the destitute, the poor, and the handicapped. Disobedience led a wayward nation to the point of no return, to the point where God's only recourse was to scatter the people and destroy the nation. Disobedience usually begins in small dimensions. But it has a strange way of progression until it becomes stiff-necked pride, treacherous infidelity, and blasphemous rebellion.

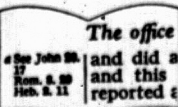
**The way of the Lord is right** — He is righteousness and truth and love, all elements of his perfect holiness. He did all that was possible to encourage Israel in faithfulness and righteousness. Through the pleas of prophets, through mighty acts of mercy, through acts of chastening and correction, and through long-suffering patience, God sought to woo his people to repentance, loyalty, and obedience. They would not hear; they would not obey; they would not learn; they would not repent. Let no one forget the terror of God's wrath against iniquity. If people will not heed his warning or respond to his entreaty or fear his punishment or respect his authority or accept his mercy and grace, he has no alternative but to execute the outcome of man's iniquity and unbelief. Always and forever, the way of the Lord is right.

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## Devotional

## Answers For Anxiety

Matthew 6:25-34

By Harold Bryson, Pastor, First, Carthage

Jesus was a masterful preacher. He preached into the realm of the spiritual, as well as the practical. Our Lord was aware of the problems of mankind. He spoke in the Sermon on the Mount to people of the first century to the twentieth century. The early disciples had anxieties, and modern Christians face the same dilemma. In an age of anxiety, we need to listen to the answers of our Lord. The cure for worry is not instantaneous, and neither did our Lord prescribe life to be some tranquil era. Let us notice some answers which Jesus gave concerning worry.

First, Jesus said to live in the present tense. Someone has said, "If we live in the past or the future we work to-day overtime." Jesus said, "Therefore do not be anxious for tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own" (Matthew 6:34 NASB). Jesus intended for man to live one day at a time. To bring in tomorrow's needs clutters to-day. Attempt to follow the Lord's suggestion of living one day at a time.

Second, Jesus had an answer for anxiety in the practice of prayer. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be open unto you" (Matthew 7:7 NASB). Christians are often mistaken in the matter of prayer. We think when we pray that God should immediately send a "cosmic bellhop" with the answer to our requests. God has never promised to take away any tension of life, but He has promised to give strength. Paul prayed that God would remove the malady from his life, but the Lord gave Paul the strength to beat it. "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness" (II Corinthians 12:9). Ask God to give you the strength to cope with anxiety.

A third answer which our Lord gave in regard to anxiety is a concern for the rule of God in our lives. Anxiety will continue to have a prominent place as long as selfish interests and plans are primary. "But seek first His kingdom, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you" (Matthew 6:33 NASB). Many people live miserable lives because the will of God is second. The greatest change which you can give yourself is to know God, to love Him, and to seek to make His kingdom real in your own lives and in the world.

Many answers are given to anxiety. Jesus knew mankind. He knows that man has worries. Let us listen to Jesus Christ in finding the solution to anxiety. Cultivate the art of living one day at a time. Ask God for the strength to live amid tension. Then seek for God's will rather than your own.

## Niebuhr To Speak At Southern Seminary

LOUISVILLE (BP) — Harvard University theologian Reinhold Niebuhr will speak on the Southern Baptist Seminary campus Oct. 16 and 17 during the Gheens Lecture Series at the seminary.

Niebuhr is the nephew of Reinhold Niebuhr and the son of H. Richard Niebuhr, both famous theologians of the twentieth century neo-orthodox movement.

Considered an authority on the life and thought of Friedrich Schleiermacher, a nineteenth century theologian, Niebuhr is the author of Schleiermacher: On Christ and Religion published in 1964. He also wrote Resurrection and Historical Reason: A Study of Theological Method.

## First, Ellisville

## Observes Ladies Night

First Church, Ellisville, observed Annual Ladies' Night October 6. This is an annual affair in which the men of the church entertain the ladies. They prepare and serve the meal and provide the entertainment. A spokesman for the church said that this event was well attended, with 70 or more of the men and their ladies present.

Dr. Don Stewart was inspirational speaker. His message was centered on the "Master Architect." Dr. Stewart is Chairman of the Department of Religion at William Carey College and has served First, Ellisville as an interim pastor.

Harold Hardee is Chairman of the Baptist Men. Rev. W. C. Burns is pastor.

## Off The Record

## I SMILED AT THIS.

Now that the football season is here, a story read in flight brought a big smile.

It was a very poor season for his college football team, and the coach gathered his players about him for a pre-game "pep" talk.

"Boys," he said grimly, "I have only two instructions before you go out there and play today. One, if we receive the ball on kickoff, try to recover your fumble. Two, if they receive the ball, for goodness sake, block the kick after their touch-down." — W. C. Hultgren

## More Studying Helps!

Tiny Tom had just returned from his first day at school.

"How did you like kindergarten?" asked his mother.

"It's okay," he replied.

"Is your teacher smart?" continued Mother.

"I don't know yet," he answered honestly, "but she's had time to do more studying than I."

## Heaven-sent

A doctor and a lawyer were arguing over their respective professions.

"I don't say that all lawyers are crooks," said the doctor, "but you'll have to admit the profession doesn't make angels of men."

"You're right," answered the lawyer. "You doctors certainly have an advantage over us there!"

## Only Way to Do It

A New Jersey college polled 1,000 students for advice on how to prevent classroom cheating. More than 21 percent offered this foolproof solution: To end cheating on exams, stop giving exams.

## Progress Report

The young student walked into the room and said, "Hey, teach, whadda we goin' to learn today?"

"What would you say if I said nothing?" the teacher inquired.

"I'd say that's the same thing I learned yesterday."

## Fast Learner

A five-year-old, after he had spent his first day in school, was asked how he liked kindergarten.

"I don't think of it as a kindergarten," he replied disdainfully. "I like to think of it as an institution of lower learning."



## BMC Freshmen Plan High School Weekend

OFFICERS OF THE Freshman Class at Blue Mountain College and their sponsor, are shown listing names for the invitations committee and making all early arrangements for High School Weekend, November 8-9. Seated, left to right: Margo Chrestman, treasurer; Miss Linda Gholston, admissions counselor; and Mary Carmen McCulley, president. Standing, left to right: Diane Brown, secretary; Mary Margaret Ball, reporter; and Marilyn Schafer, vice president. The theme for BMC High School Days is,

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## Nutt Speaks At McComb Stewardship Banquet

A CHURCHWIDE STEWARDSHIP BANQUET was held at First Church, McComb, Wednesday night, October 8, with 450 attending. Grady Nutt of Louisville, Ky., nationally known entertainer, center was the speaker; Jewell Conely, left, is overall chairman for the stewardship campaign. At right is the pastor, Dr. John Lee Taylor. First Church members sought Sunday, October 12, to secure pledges to support a budget of \$164,976 for the coming year. The chart in the background is part of the promotional effort.

## 1st, Boyle, Begins Children's Church

First Church, Boyle began a new ministry Sunday evening, Oct. 5, when they opened "The Children's Church." The church, which operates on Sunday evenings (simultaneously with the regular worship hour) is something new there in attempting to meet the spiritual needs of children. They have their own pastor, music director, choir, and pianist. Their sermons and worship services are designed to be understood and appreciated by children under thirteen years of age.

Plans are to utilize the inactive deacons of First Church to lead the children into electing junior deacons, conducting business meetings, adopting budgets and promoting church activities. Three young people from Sunflower Junior College, BSU, are presently serving the new congregation. They are Jesse Bennett, Itta Bena, preacher; Jerry Ferguson, Greenville, music director; and Jean Smith, Moorhead, pianist. Inactive deacons serving with the children and Fred Page, Charles Horne, and Charles Denley.

"Children from Bolivar County who have a special need to become acquainted with the Bible, the Lord, Church worship and Baptist doctrines are invited. Their instruction will include the plan of salvation and a deeper appreciation for the love and divinity of God. Bus service is available for children by calling 843-4405 in Cleveland. Future plans are to serve a light evening meal at the church for the children who desire it," states Rev. H. S. Rogers, pastor.

## Revival Dates

Highland Church, Meridian: October 26 - October 31; morning service at 10:00 Monday - Friday; evening service at 7:30 except Friday when it will be at 6:00; Sunday at 10:55 a.m.; Rev. Johnnie Lee Taylor, pastor, First Church, McComb, evangelist; Larry Andrews, First Church, Dothan, Alabama, singer; Rev. Jack W. Elliott, pastor.

Southern Hills Church, Jackson: Oct. 19-23; Rev. David T. Cranford, pastor, evangelist; Levi Mullican, song leader; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. with dinner on grounds; Monday thru Thursday services 7:00 p.m.

## MC Plans New Placement Service

Mississippi College has announced plans for a new placement service that will provide information regarding availability of student personnel for music positions in churches located in the area served by the college.

Dr. John P. Johnson, pictured, assistant professor of music and co-ordinator of the area of church music, will be in charge of the placement service. He has contacted the available students at the college and will be able to provide churches with names and training of these students who are seeking leadership positions in church music.

Any pastor or music committee interested in securing the services of one of the students should contact Dr. Johnson at the music department office, phone 924-5131, Ext. 230, or at his home, phone 924-5717. He will arrange the appointments and will assist in helping to analyze and provide the right leadership for the desired positions.

"It is hoped that this service will make it possible for the churches and students to combine their needs in order to render the maximum service to both the church and the student," said Dr. Johnson in announcing the program.

Dr. Johnson has had extensive training and experience in the field of church music. He holds the bachelor of arts degree from Mercer University, the bachelor of church music, master of church music, and doctor of musical arts degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been a member of the Mississippi College faculty since Feb., 1968.

## REVIVAL RESULTS

Franklin Church (Madison) September 28-October 3; Rev. Jimmy Pate, evangelist; Larry Cox, song leader; Mrs. Bertha Pate, special music; Mrs. Larry Cox, pianist; 9 rededications; 6 professions of faith and 2 transfer by letter; Rev. Ed Perrett, pastor.

## Famous Author To Speak In Jackson

David Wilkerson, the famed author of "The Cross and the Switchblade," will be speaking at a public rally to be held at the New City Auditorium, Jackson, 2:55 p.m. East Pascagoula Street, on October 24 and 25 at 7:30 p.m.



The two-night youth meeting has the support and backing of 33 local churches of various denominations. The public is invited and there is no admission charge.

"The Cross and the Switchblade" was Wilkerson's first book. It is the account of Mr. Wilkerson's first efforts to reach and rehabilitate street gang members during the era of the gang wars of the late 1950's and early 1960's. The book, first published in 1962, is in its twenty-eighth printing. It has been translated into twenty-five languages and has now passed the four million mark in sales. Over 2,000 copies of this book will be distributed locally over the next three weeks.

Wilkerson's book details the formation of his organization called Teen Challenge. Teen Challenge in the past has become one of the most successful programs in the world for the rehabilitation of drug addicts and teen gang members. Teen Challenge has a documented cure rate of 74%.

One of Mr. Wilkerson's first encounters with a teen gang member, as related in his book, was with Nicky Cruz, leader of the notorious Mau Mau's. Cruz was known as one of the most feared and hated street fighters in New York. When Wilkerson first approached Cruz, he spit on him, slapped him across the face, and told him to "go to hell." Nicky Cruz later became Wilkerson's first success and one of his most trusted assistants.

Rev. Wilkerson has since written seven other books: "Twelve Angels From Hell," "The Little People," "I'm Not Mad at God," "Parents on Trial," "Hey Preach... You're Comin' Through," "Man Have I Got Problems," and "Purple Violet Squish."

## Change

Today is not yesterday; we ourselves change. How can our works and thoughts, if they are always to be the fittest, continue always the same? Change, indeed, is painful, yet ever needful, and if memory have its force and worth, so, also, has hope.—Lida B. Miller

## Destroyed By Camille

## Shoreline Chapel Breaks Ground To Rebuild



PARTICIPATING in groundbreaking at Shoreline Chapel, Waveland, were (left to right) Luby Magee, chairman, building committee; Rev. Wayne Fleming, pastor, Bellehaven, Ocean Springs, and former pastor of the chapel; Rev. Clyde (Son) Page, member of Waveland Church; and Rev. Joe L. Hasson, pastor of Waveland, First Church, mother-church of Shoreline Chapel. The Chapel is presently without a pastor. Some debris of the former building which was destroyed by Hurricane Camille can be seen in the right-center of the picture. Only the tip of the steeple could be salvaged for re-use.

The Shoreline Baptist Chapel of Waveland held a groundbreaking ceremony on October 5, at 3:00 p.m., to mark the rebuilding of facilities destroyed by Hurricane Camille on August 17.

The program was led by Luby Magee, chairman of the building committee, with Rev. Joe L. Hasson, pastor of Waveland, First Church, the sponsoring church of Shoreline Chapel, and Rev. Clyde (Son) Page, a member of the Waveland church. Rev. O. H. Buckley, pastor of Lakeshore Church and former member of Shoreline Chapel, led in the closing prayer after the groundbreaking.

"Shoreline's former building was a totally destroyed by the winds and waters of Camille. However, the spirit and enthusiasm of the people and many contributions made and promised in the form of money, materials, and labor led to rapid plans being made to enter a rebuilding program. This is one example that the rebuilt Gulf Coast will be bigger and better, states Mr. Hasson.

A group of men from Clarksdale and another from Texas have already been working at Shoreline to clear the lot of debris in order to begin construction.

Another remarkable thing about

this program is that these people initiated these plans primarily on their own, as they are without a pastor at the present time. The superintendent of missions, Rev. J. W. Brister, and the Missions-Finance Committee of the Gulf Coast Association have given unlimited assistance and guidance in this effort. Mr. Brister was unable to take part in the ceremonies as he was participating in a World Missions Conference in Georgia.

About the only thing from the old building that can be used is the tip of the steeple. Plans are to use it on the new building. That steeple was used on the original building of the Mississippi City First Baptist Church, on the original building of the Waveland First Baptist Church, and was moved with the old building to Shoreline Park and was used on the building of Shoreline Chapel since the beginning of the mission.



## 32 Years' Attendance

Arkabutla Church recently presented a record of 32 years of perfect attendance in Sunday school. Each above received a certificate of recognition. Back row: G. W. McGaha, eleven years; Mrs. G. W. McGaha, seven years; Mrs. J. W. O'Daniel, three years; Mrs. Bobby Walton, three years; Mrs. W. L. Brackett, two years; J. V. Moore, two years. Front row: Andrew Walton, one year; Anne Furniss, one year; Al Walton, one year; Terry Walton, one year. Rev. Bobby Walton is pastor.

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